Ripon cathedral, the expense of which is to be defrayed by a subscription among the inhabitants of the diocese, as a memorial of the establishment of the bishopric. The subject is the commission to the Apostles to preach the Gospel, and it will comprise thirteen figures. The cost is estimated at about 1,200*l*. —*Gateshead Observer*.

Warwick.—The new church in the parish of St. Nicholas is to be erected from the designs of Messrs. Barry and Murray. It will consist of a chancel, nave, south aisle, and porch, and north and south transepts, with tower and spire at south-east angle of chancel and transept. The style is Decorated. A parsonage and schools are to be erected at the same time.

Coventry.—The Committee of the Council on Education has approved the plans for the proposed National Schools and residences for teachers, in the parish of the Holy Trinity; they will contain 207 boys, 207 girls, and 180 infants, with a superior school for 333 boys on the first floor. Messrs. Barry and Murray, are the architects.——The new schools and teachers' house, at Ryton and Dunsmoor, by the same architects, are to be forthwith erected, on a site presented by Captain Dilke. The style is Decorated.

Uxbridge.—A monument has just been erected in Uxbridge Church as a testimonial to the memory of the late Mr. Daniel Macnamara, many years an esteemed surgeon in that town. A coped tomb and memorial have also been erected in Iver churchyard, the burial-place of his family. The cost of both has been defrayed by subscription; a committee with the Rev. C. P. Price, vicar of Uxbridge, chairman, having been formed to carry out the wishes of the subscribers. The monument is in the perpendicular style, consisting of Caen stone, carved jambs, cill, tracery head, cornice, and brattishing, inclosing a white marble tablet with the inscription cut in church-text letters, rubricated capitals, and the armorial bearings emblazoned. Both the monument and the tomb are from the designs of Mr. C. J. Shoppee, London, and have been executed by Mr. J. Tomlinson, of Uxbridge.

Hemel Hempstead.—The new Town-hall and Corn-market, recently erected in this town, was opened on Tuesday last. It is situate on the west side of the High-street, and has a frontage thereto of 83 feet. The hall is 50 feet long, 25 feet wide, and 25 feet high; and has a range of broken pilasters supporting the cornice, from which springs a coved ceiling, enriched with an ornamental soffit, and centre flowers from which the chandeliers are suspended. The hall is lighted by five mullioned windows placed on the eastern side of the room. Adjoining is a magistrate's room, and an anteroom, and the access to this, the principal floor, is from a spacious stone staircase placed at the northern extremity of the building. The whole of the edifice is carried upon a series of piers and arches and the lower portion, which is entirely open, is used as a corn-market. The style of architecture adopted is that which was prevalent during the reign of James I.; and the materials used are red brick, with Caen stone dressings, excepting to the piers in the corn-market, which are of Horsely Castle stone. The architect is Mr. George Low.

Maidstone.—The new baths and washhouses have been opened. The centre of the building comprises a residence for the superintendent, waiting-halls, and pay-office. The men's side has three first and fourteen second-class baths, and the large swimming-bath. The main floor is divided near the centre, to effect an entire separation of the sexes. There are three private baths. The baths are made of glazed porcelain, in one piece. The washhouse contains compartments for sixteen women. Two hydro-extracting wringing machines in a few seconds remove fifty per cent. of moisture from the linen. The tubs are heated by steam, the closet by a tubular system of boiling water under pressure, which gives a heat of 400 deg. of Fahr. and not only dries rapidly, but also, it is said, destroys animalculæ or their ova. The filtering is constructed on a self-cleansing principle; by which, at every change of tide, 40,000 gallons of water can be reversed through it, so as to cleanse it from any impurity. We are indebted to the *Maidstone Gazette* for these particulars.

Malling West.—The inhabitants have determined on establishing gas and water-works. Upwards of 1,000*l*. have been subscribed in shares, and Mr. Culyer, engineer, and others have engaged to supply any deficiency in amount, and to erect the works at a cost of about 2,500*l*. The price of gas is not to exceed 7*s*. 6*d*. to begin with, and to be reduced as consumption increases.

Exeter.—The workmen employed in the restoration of Pynes House, the seat of Sir Stafford Northcote, were feasted by Sir Stafford in a tent erected in front of the house on Thursday week. There were about eighty men at work on a substantial dinner, with payment besides for their half-day's work, also given them by Sir Stafford. Mr. A. Poynter is the architect of these restorations, and Mr. Knight the clerk of the works.

Chester.—A stained glass window has just been placed on the south side of the nave of Chester Cathedral: it consists of four compartments, the principal subjects of which are "Joseph sold by his Brethren," "Jacob in the Court of Pharaoh," "The Infant Moses found in the Nile," and "Pharaoh's Daughter adopting him."

Birmingham.—The public baths in Kent-street have had an addition made of a first-class public swimming-bath, three private plunging-baths, and six private warm baths. The swimming-bath is 86 feet long by 37 feet 6 inches wide, with a footpath 8 feet 6 inches wide, and fifty-six dressing-rooms around. The whole is roofed over, the greater portion with glass, and ventilated and warmed; and the sides and bottom lined with smooth stone. The plunging-baths are about 13 feet by 11 feet, lined with similar stone to the swimming-bath; and a dressing-room 6 feet by 4 feet 6 inches is provided to each bath.

Handsworth.—The new church about to be erected at Soho is to be in the Decorated style, and calculated to hold 1,000 persons, 540 free. Mr. W. Bourne, of Dudley, is the architect.

Manchester.—The tower of the Cathedral is in such a state of dilapidation, that the ringers were prevented from giving their usual peal in celebration of the Queen's birthday.

Preston.—The chief stone of a new fire-engine station has been laid in Tithebarn-street. Plans, prepared by Mr. Rampling, have been approved, and the execution of them intrusted to Mr. Thompson, builder, by whom the brickwork has been sublet to Mr. Oakley. The building, according to the local *Guardian*, will cost from 600*l*. to 700*l*. The style is Italian. The construction will be of brick, with stone dressing, and include a lofty campanile for an alarm-bell.

Hoddlesden.—At Hoddlesden, near Over Darwin, on the 19th ult. the foundation-stone of new buildings for national schools was laid. They will consist of a schoolhouse for 150 boys and girls, with a house for the master; mediæval in style, and constructed of the grey sandstone of this part of Lancashire. The schoolhouse, containing two schoolrooms, each 40 feet by 17 feet 6 inches, will be a single-storied building, with an open roof, supported by *stone* ribs, to take the thrust of which there are buttresses on the outside. The total cost will be about 1,000*l*. provided principally by the landowner, Mr. O. Hargreave, by whose lady the foundation-stone was laid. The architect is Mr. C. Fowler, jun.

Southport.—Tenders for the erection of a new Town-hall have been ordered to be advertised for. The plans, which also comprise a police-station, magistrates' office, &c. &c. have been designed by Mr. Thomas Withnell, of Southport.

Bradford.—From amongst the many proofs and illustrations afforded from time to time of the progress of Bradford, the evidence furnished in the surprising increase of its buildings ought not to be overlooked. From Jan. 1, 1851, to May 1, 1852, says the *Bradford Observer*, the building and improvement committee have sanctioned the erection of 1,703 buildings, of which 1,340 are dwelling-houses (some of them in connection with shops), 31 mills and warehouses, 84 shops, 11 churches, chapels, and schools, and 236 buildings of a miscellaneous character. No fewer than 94 new streets have been opened in the above space of time: there are but few demolitions.

Wakefield.—On consideration of the plans lodged for the proposed new church of St. Mary, that of Mr. C. Clapham, of Wakefield, C. E. has been adopted by the building committee. A premium of 10*l*. for the second best plan was awarded to Mr. Brodrick, of Hull, architect. The site selected is at the top of Primrose-hill, a short distance from the railway, and in the vicinity of the new Union workhouse now building. The church is to accommodate 400 adults and 220 children, and the cost is not to exceed 1,600*l*.

Dunstall.—The foundation-stone of the new church, bequeathed by the late Mr. Charles Arkwright to the parish of Dunstall, was laid by Mr. Peter Arkwright, on the 22nd ult. Mr. Henry Clutton, architect.

Derby.—An engraving of a design, by Mr. Duesbury, for a new race-stand, appears in the *Derbyshire Advertiser*. The front is principally occupied by a double balcony, communicating with an interior promenade, &c. At one end is a square turret, with curved roof, surmounted by two balls.

Hartlepool.—The opening of the new dock at West Hartlepool was to take place on the 1st inst. It embraces an area of 14 acres. The outer harbour, also, has been enlarged from 13 to 44 acres. The lock entrance to the new dock is 60 feet wide. The depth of water will be 23 feet. There is a graving dock 329 feet in length.

Windermere.—The Windermere baths, which were finished in November 1851, were opened to the public last month. They consist of plunge, douche, and shower-baths.

Stockton.—The new town-hall was opened on 15th ult. on which day also the Leeds Northern extension line of railway was opened to the port of Stockton. The new hall has been built behind a large mansion in High-street, which has been converted into council-chamber, justice room, offices, &c. in connection with the hall, which is unseen from the street. The yard or area in which the hall stands has been covered by a ridged roof of glass, and made suitable, according to our authority, the *Gateshead Observer*, for a conservatory, and in which flower-shows may be held. Its dimensions are 72 feet by 23 feet. A lobby, 27 feet long and 8 feet wide, connects it with the hall, which is 80 feet long, 36 feet wide, and 36 feet high. So far as the hall can be said to have a style, it is Tuscan. It is lighted by two large windows, one at each end, and in the centre are three gasiliers, suspended from the ceiling.

Glasgow.—The town council have agreed to purchase the lands of Kelvin Grove, Woodlands, and Claremount, for the purpose of forming a park in the west-end; the purchase-money for Kelvin Grove being 30,000*l*.; Woodlands, 21,000*l*.; and Claremount, 4,525*l*. Before long the town's people will again sing, "Let us haste to Kelvin Grove."

Edinburgh.—The city council have resolved to have a public inauguration of the statue of the Duke of Wellington, and to invite the Duke to a public banquet, to be given by the citizens on the occasion.

Aberdeen.—The commissioners under the "Aberdeen County Records and Public Offices Act" have entered into contracts for the erection of new offices in connection with the present Record Office in this city. The buildings are to be erected from the designs and under the superintendence of Messrs. J. and W. Smith, architects, and are to be constructed on Messrs. Fox and Barrett's patent fireproof principle.

Rhosllanerchrug, near Ruabon, Denbighshire.—On 29th May, the keystone of the arch of the South Porch of the new church was laid with great ceremony by Lady Williams Wynn, of Wynstay. The church is in the Norman style of architecture, cruciform in plan, and adapted to accommodate 425 persons in open free sittings, without galleries. The transept and chancel are divided from the

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